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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated January 31, 2007, the claims of Group IV (Claims 42-47) drawn to a device for nucleic acid sequencing, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Please amend the application as follows:

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